

RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN & EURASIAN STUDIES MINOR

MINOR DESCRIPTION

The Minor in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REES) offers students a nuanced, interdisciplinary understanding of contemporary Russia and other post-Soviet states, their culture, society, history, politics, and economic institutions. The REES minor consists of six courses including language study, social sciences, and literature and culture – providing insights into other worldviews and social systems. Study abroad is encouraged.

ADMISSION TO THE MINOR

Any student who intends to earn the minor in REES should speak with the program chair by the end of the junior year at the latest.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The minor in REES consists of six courses, in which the student must achieve a GPA of B. These courses must include RUSS101 and RUSS102 or two semesters of Russian language study at the appropriate level and four more REES courses, of which two must be taken in the areas of social sciences and/or literature & culture (see course list). The remaining two courses may be in either of the two areas or in Russian language. Two of the courses may be taken during study abroad (with prior approval). Students should plan the minor in consultation with REES faculty.

If a student places out of one or more semesters of language, they must take enough courses in REES to add up to a total of 6.

Students who wish to fulfill the language requirement by studying a language of Eastern Europe or Central Asia other than Russian may do so, subject to approval by the chair.

Satisfactory completion of the minor will be certified by the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Social Sciences		
GOVT274	Russian Politics	1
HIST151	Introduction to History: The "Russian World" Past and Present	1
HIST219	Russian and Soviet History, 1881 to the Present	1
HIST353	The Communist Experience in the 20th Century	1
HIST318	The Politics of Death: The Living, the Dead, and the State	1
HIST395	"If there is no God, then everything is permitted?" Moral Life in a Secular World	1
RELI225	Socialist Utopias: Transcendence and Religion in Communist States	1
RELI225F	Socialist Utopias: Transcendence and Religion in Communist States (FYS)	1
RELI271	Secularism: Godlessness from Luther to Lenin	1
RELI239	Modern Shamanism: Ecstasy and Ancestors in the New Age	1

RELI289	Indigenous Religions: Politics, Land, Healing	1
RELI299	Imagining Communities: National Religions and Political Rituals	1

Literature and Culture

MUSC121	Queering Russian Music	1
MUSC296	Soundscapes of Islam	1
MUSC297	Music of Central Asia: From Throat-singing to Heavy Metal	1
REES205	Murder and Adultery: Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, and the 19th-Century Russian Novel	1
REES208F	Otherness & Belonging (FYS)	1
REES220	Speak, Memory: The Russian Memoir	1
REES223	After Communism: Animals, Avatars, Hybrids	1
REES224	Performing Russian Culture: From Peter the Great to the Russian Revolution	1
REES233	Introduction to Russian and Soviet Cinema	1
REES235	Queer Russia	1
REES240F	Reading Stories: Great Short Works from Gogol to Petrushevskaya (FYS)	1
REES251	Dostoevsky	1
REES254	Nobel Laureates: The Politics of Literature	1
REES252	Tolstoy	1
REES255	Prague, Vienna, Sarajevo: 20th-Century Novels from Central and Eastern Europe	1
REES256	The Soviet Century	1
REES267	Parody: Humor, Artistic Evolution, and Restoration of the Sacred	1
REES268	Nabokov	1
REES276	Contemporary Russian Literature	1
REES279	Chekhov: Prose vs. Drama	1
REES277	Gogol and His Legacy: Witches, Con Men, and Runaway Noses	1
REES321	Moscow/Berlin: Dreamworld and Catastrophe	1

Courses Conducted in Russian

REES260	Dostoevsky's BRAT'IA KARAMAZOVY	1
CGST234	Introduction to Russian and Soviet Cinema (CLAC.50)	0.5
CGST330	Reading Tolstoy in Russian (CLAC .50)	.5
CGST350	Twentieth-Century Russian Poetry (CLAC .50)	.5
CGST352	The Communist Experience in the Soviet Union (CLAC.50)	.5

Language

RUSS101	Elementary Russian I	1.5
RUSS102	Elementary Russian II	1.5
RUSS201	Intermediate Russian I	1
RUSS202	Intermediate Russian II	1
RUSS301	Third-Year Russian I	1
RUSS302	Third-Year Russian II	1